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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 10/022,830

Examiner: Nguyen, D.

Filed: December 20, 2001

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Title: CONTROLLING TRANSMISSION OF CELL INFORMATION BETWEEN CONTROL
NODES IN RADIO ACCESS NETWORK

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**

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Total effective claims after amendment 50 minus highest number
previously paid for 52 (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

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previously paid for 8 (at least 3) = 0 x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add
\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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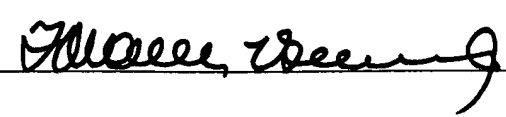
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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005 holding the subject matter of claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14-16, 29, 31-33, 36, 38, 40-42 and 51-52; claims 5, 11, 30, 37 and 53-64; or claims 18-26 and 44-50 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of each other, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14-16, 29, 31-33, 36, 38, 40-42 and 51-52 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made **with traverse**. Two substantive office actions on the merits have preceded the mailing of the September 20, 2005 restriction requirement. Those office actions were dated September 20, 2004 and March 16, 2005. Both substantive office actions required prior art searching and examination as evidenced by the prior art rejections formulated therein. In response to the March 16, 2005 Office Action, applicants implemented amendments designed to render all claims allowable in view of the indications of allowable subject matter in the March 16, 2005 Office Action. Applicants believe that they should have received a Notice of Allowance rather than a three-way restriction requirement.

The undersigned further notes that on July 21, 2005 and September 13, 2005 the Examiner telephoned the undersigned to obtain a telephonic election. The Examiner has twice before been advised that Applicant would not telephonically elect and would traverse this restriction requirement as being improperly timed.

Applicants do indeed submit that the timing of the restriction is improper. While Applicants acknowledge that restriction requirements can be made at any time before final action, MPEP § 811 clearly indicates that an examiner should make a proper

requirement as early as possible in the prosecution, in the first action if possible, otherwise, as soon as the need for a proper requirement develops. In any event, according to MPEP §811, before making a restriction requirement after the first action on the merits, the examiner will consider whether there will be a serious burden if restriction is not required.

In the present case there is manifestly NO serious burden by not requiring restriction at this time, especially since the prior art search and examination on the merits have already been conducted to such a point that allowable subject matter has been indicated and claims conformed thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for future further possible use.

Respectfully submitted,
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